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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. (to be assigned); Filed: (herewith)  
For: **Apparatus and Methods to Convert a Legacy Cable  
TV Subscriber Tap Into an Addressable Subscriber Tap**

Inventors: Rocci *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2094.0070001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Apparatus and Methods to Convert a Legacy Cable  
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and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. a specification containing:



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- i. 12 pages of description prior to the claims;
- ii. 3 pages of claims (9 claims);
- iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- c. 7 sheets of drawing (Figures 1-7);

3. Authorization to Treat a Reply as Incorporating an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3); and
4. Two (2) return postcards.

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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

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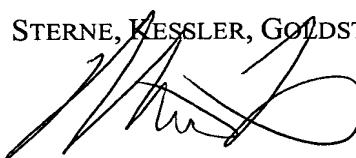
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